Prologue
man...
The Imperial Capital of
Zaphias
The evacuation order of the whole city due to that monster attack just got lifted yesterday, and yet...
What a tough bunch of people.

DAMU-
RON
!!
SOME-
THING
UP,
RAVEN?
NAH...
JUST
THOUGHT
I HEARD
SOMEONE
CALLIN'
ME.

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HA HA HA
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CAREFUL WHERE YOU RUN! WAIT FOR ME, DAMURON!
-MU RON ...
Damuron
GOT YOU! YOU LITTLE RASCAL, DAMURON!
イヤ〜ん キャー♥
あはは
HA HA HA

Let's go, Damu-ron!
What are you doing? We'll leave you behind!

... THOSE WERE THE DAYS.

We're leaving without you
RA-VEN?
OH, IT'S NOTHING! NOTHING AT ALL!
You wouldn't leave behind an old man, would you?
good grief...
DAMURON ATOMAIS

FOR THE MAN WHO WAS TORN INTO TWO,
THAT WAS HIS NAME WHEN HE WAS NEITHER OF THOSE PIECES.

Tales of Vesperia
テイルズ オブ ヴェスペリア
虚空の仮面
こくう かめん
The Empty Mask

BACK WHEN I COULDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT WHO I WAS,
I MET HER.

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PEOPLE WHO DID NOT BELONG IN GUILDS HAD TO LIVE AMONG THE HARSH CLASS DIVIDE BETWEEN ARISTOCRATS AND COMMONERS
TERCA LUMIREIS. FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, THE EMPIRE HAS RULED OVER THIS WORLD.

ON THE CONTINENT OF ILYCCIA, IN THE TOWN OF FARRYHEID, A PLACE THAT REVERES BOTH HISTORY AND FORMALITY.

SHATTER
DAMU-RON!!

HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAN ON DISGRACING THE ATOMAIS NAME!?
Damuron Atomais
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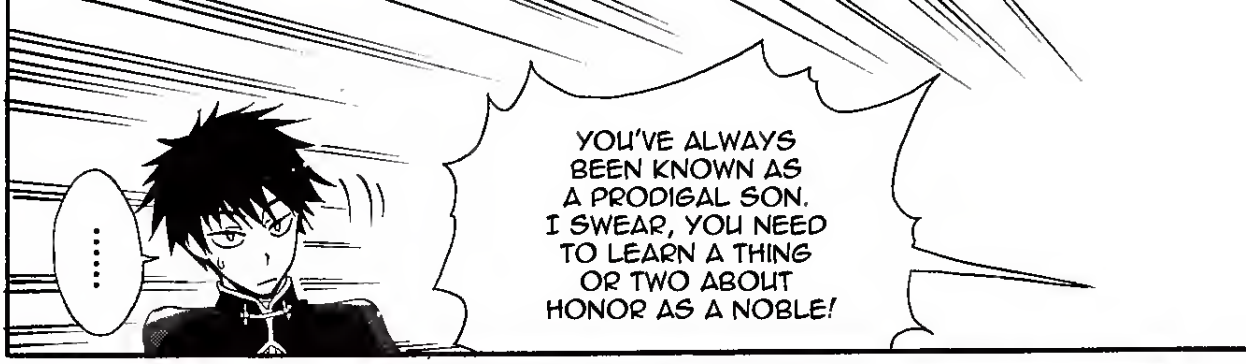
FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, THAT DAMN CARNIDAL SENT A MESSENGER HERE WITH A COMPLAINT. APPARENTLY, SOMEONE SNUCK INTO HIS DAUGHTER'S ROOM!
Head of the Atomais Family
Spard Atomais
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT !!
NO NEED TO WORRY, FATHER. NO ONE SAW ME! ♥


YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN AS A PRODIGAL SON. I SWEAR, YOU NEED TO LEARN A THING OR TWO ABOUT HONOR AS A NOBLE!
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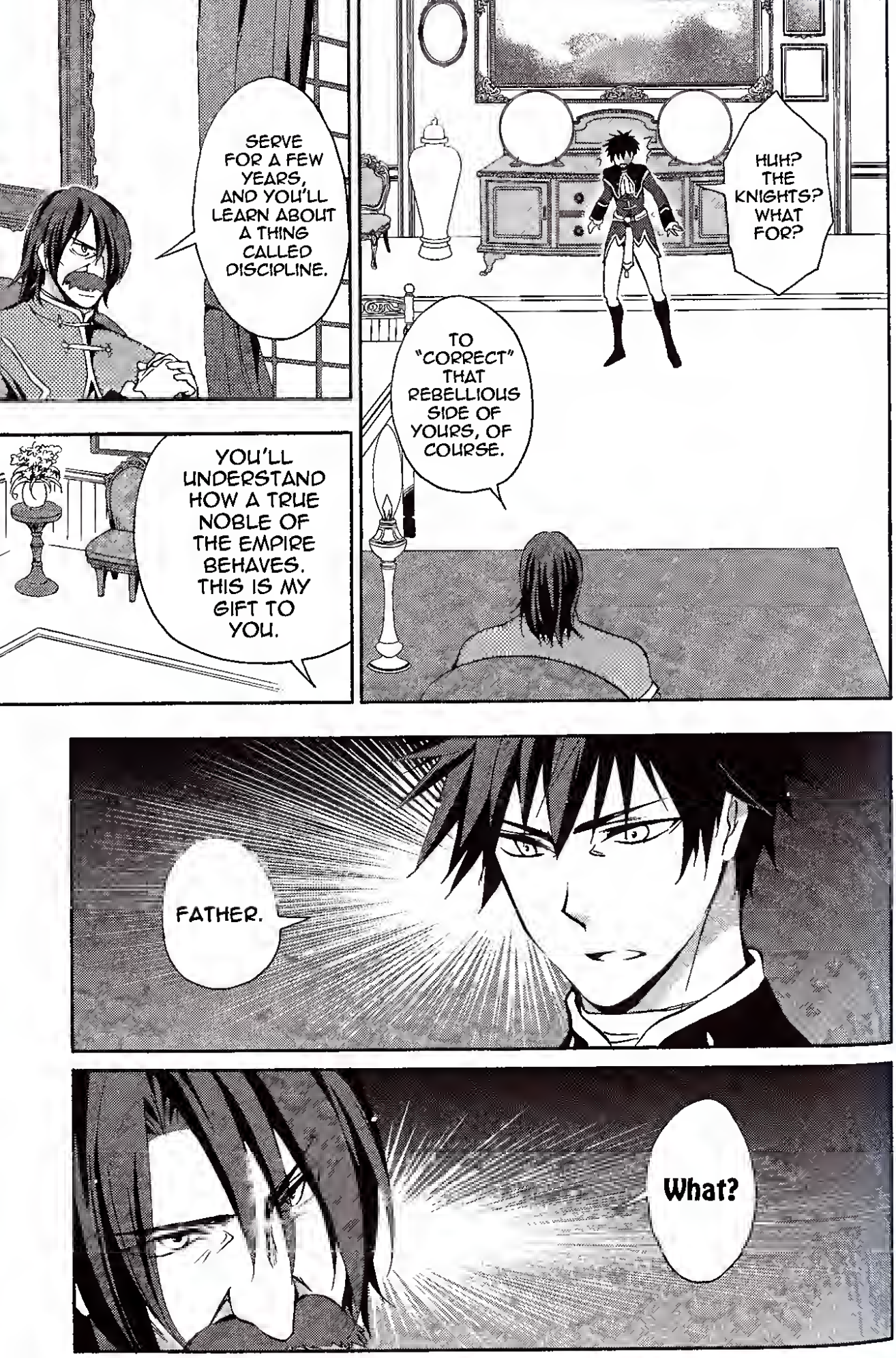
sigh
Well, all of that is going to stop here.
GUYS LIKE YOU ALWAYS ...
HONOR AS A NOBLE, HUH...

I'm going to send you to the capital. There, you will enlist in the Imperial Knights.


SERVE FOR A FEW YEARS, AND YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT A THING CALLED DISCIPLINE.
HUH? THE KNIGHTS? WHAT FOR?
TO "CORRECT" THAT REBELLIOUS SIDE OF YOURS, OF COURSE.
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND HOW A TRUE NOBLE OF THE EMPIRE BEHAVES. THIS IS MY GIFT TO YOU.
FATHER.
What?

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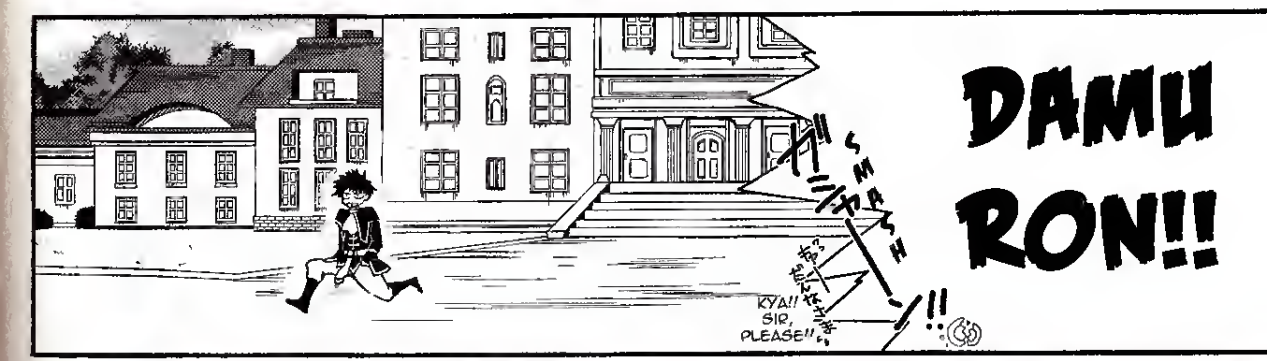
I can't accept this!


DAMU RON!!
SMASH
KYA!! SIR, PLEASE!!

I HEARD THAT THE WHOLE ATOMAIS FAMILY'S BEEN LOOKIN' FOR THEIR SECOND SON.
I DUNNO THE REASON, BUT HE GOT OTHER GUYS ANGRY BY MESSIN' AROUND WITH A NOBLE DAUGHTER. MUST BE SOME KIND OF HELL-RAISER.
WONDER WHAT HE DID.
WA HA HA
who gets anything those nobles do
Man, what should I do now?
If dad, who's all about keeping up appearances, is searching throughout the whole city,
then he must be serious, huh.
It'd be too much trouble to have one of my honeys take me in
Nobility, Family Honor... Honor as a Noble...
I've never even seen it before.

heh
ACT LIKE A NOBLE.
what would even be the difference? Father...
Nobles hold no reserves over acting pompous like it's their right.
If they join the knights, a group of domineering thugs,
That's what I imagine, anyway.

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Wait a minute.
The capital is like a den full of even higher-standing nobles than here.
I might be able to meet with maidens beautiful enough to make the ones here look like country bumpkins.
It might be more fun if I don't run away after all.

I WILL DO MY BEST TO WORK AS HARD AS POSSIBLE.
どよ…
I, DAMURON ATOMAIS, STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN AND NEED TO DEVOTE MYSELF TO MY STUDIES. TO DO SO, I WILL BE ENLISTING IN THE IMPERIAL KNIGHTS AT THE CAPITAL.
D.... Damuron!! Just where have you been...!?
I KNOW FARRYHEID WILL BE A BORING PLACE WITHOUT ME, BUT,
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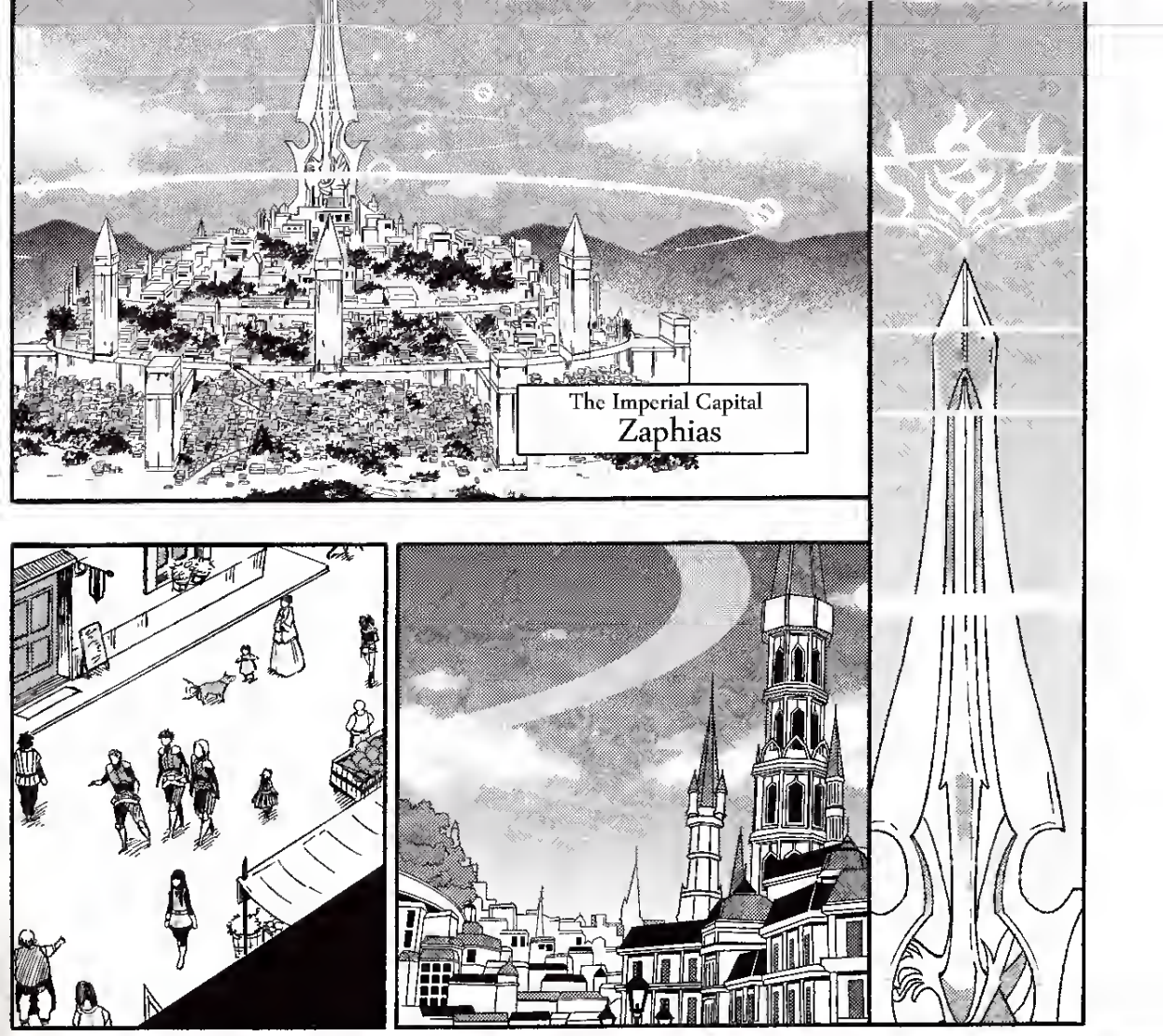
PAT
DO NOT WORRY, I WILL BE BACK ONE DAY.

UNTIL THEN, SO LONG, FATHER!!


The Imperial Capital
Zaphias

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IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS
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Whenever knights walk by, the townspeople clear the street.
I'm used to it by now...
It's like we're thugs...
SIGH...
All those days gone by and I haven't met any fair maidens...
That huge-ass shield blastia, though, I could never get used to.
YOU LOOKING AT THAT SHIELD BLASTIA AGAIN?
ARE THE FOUR-RINGED ONES REALLY THAT RARE?
GO EASY ON ME, I'M JUST A SIMPLE COUNTRY-MAN.
ha ha

NAH, LET'S SWITCH IT UP FOR A CHANGE.
TO WHAT?
FORGET ABOUT THAT. HOW 'BOUT WE GO OVER TO 'THE BITTEN CRESCENT' AGAIN?
THE WOMEN AT 'THE BITTEN CRESCENT' ARE NICE,
BUT HOW ABOUT WE GET A NON-WORKING GIRL?
GONNA TRY TO TREAT A NEW ONE TO A DRINK?
You're quite adventurous
HOW ABOUT THAT GIRL OVER THERE?
IF IT'S JUST WITH A PASSING COMMONER, IT WON'T COME BACK TO BITE US IN THE ASS LATER. RIGHT, DAMURON?
HUH? ...UH... YEAH...

OK!
WE'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!
...!
Huh? Me!?
I've never made a move on a commoner before!!
AREN'T YOU GOOD AT THIS KIND OF THING?
COME BACK SAFE!!
It shouldn't be a problem if I go up against a commoner, huh...?
For these guys of noble background, this seems typical...
Is this really what knights are like?

Yeah!
WHISTLING
ヒュー！
Go get 'em!
ALRIGHT ALRIGHT... WATCH AND LEARN, LOSERS..!
Oh well. I'll stick around for now.
EXCUSE ME, MADAM. DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
YES?
UM... I... DO YOU NEED ...?
NO NEED TO ACT SO SCARED, I WON'T BITE! I WOULD JUST LIKE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME...
UM
UH, I,
UH... SIR KNIGHT !?
ドクッ
It's really gonna come to this...
ちら...
glance...

Just get out of here already.
sigh
Guess I gotta end this quickly.
grin
grin
C'MON
UH, I...
Sorry
I SAID COME 'ERE!
ACK...!

OH...
HUH ...?
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KII
KII

!!
WHAT ARE YOU-
UGH ...
CASEY ...
IT'S CASEY.

A WOMAN...
AS A KNIGHT!?
!
H-HEY!! WAIT, HOLD ON, DON'T...

CHEERS
Casey !!
NO...
Nice job!
Feels good, huh?! Stupid Knight!

This is all a mis-under-standing! I wasn't really gonna do anything to that girl...!
Ah...
ugh...
Not just that... but why do this to another knight...?

HEY! YOU! DAMMIT, GET BACK HERE!
UH... HEY-
HEY! YOU OK?
Ah....